**5 Types of Questions**

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| 什么  Shen2me  What | 什么时候  Shen2me shihou  When/What Time | 那  Na3  Where | 怎么  Zen3me  How |
| 谁  Shei2  Who | 谁的  Shei2de  Whose | 哪里  Na3li  Where | 为什么  Wei4shen2me  Why |

**Self-Questions:**

Would answering a question in a way other than the “normal” way presented on this page be acceptable in any circumstances?

Are there any question forms other than the five on this paper?

5: Interrogative Question

Ex. 什么是啤酒?

These questions are answered by restating the sentence and replacing the interrogative pronoun with the answer.

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Interrogative Pronouns

1: Yes/No Question

Ex. 你是学生吗?

These questions are all followed by the question particle “吗”. This word shows the listener that the response should be either a yes (是) or a no (不是).

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4: Tag Question

Ex. 我很好. 你呢?

The phrase “你呢” is used to reflect/imply the question just asked back to the original speaker, having them respond the same way.

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2: A-not-A Question

Ex. 你是不是老师?

Listeners are given a choice with this question type in the form of a positive or negative. A correct response consists of restating the sentence with either the positive or negative.

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3: Alternative Question

Ex. 你要喝水还是啤酒?

Two options (objects) are given to the listener in this instance. The response would be to choose one or the other in a restatement of the sentence.

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